

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the office Action dated April 22, 2005. A diligent effort has been made to respond to all of the objections and rejections contained in the Office Action and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5; 8-15; 18-28; 31-33; and 55-67 are presently pending in this application. Claim 1 is presently amended. Original claims 4-7; 16-17; 29-30 and 34-54 are cancelled, herewith. New claims 55-67 are added for consideration.

The double patenting rejection over US 09/928,983 has been overcome by the amendment to claim 1. Claim 1, as amended, is substantially different from the corresponding claim 1 of US 09/928,983, and therefore the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the AirMobile reference. This rejection, as well as all of the other rejections set forth in the Office Action, are traversed.

Claim 1, as now amended, recites a method of redirecting data items from a messaging host system to a user's mobile device. The method includes the following steps: (1) detecting a new data item for the user at the messaging host system; (2) forwarding a copy of the new data item to a redirector host system; (3) configuring a set of filtering rules for use by the redirector host system in determining whether the new data item should be redirected to the user's mobile device; (4) providing a web page interface that enables the user to remotely configure and reconfigure the filtering rules, and that also enables the user to remotely activate and deactivate

the redirector host system for the user; and (5) if the new data item passes through the user-configured filtering rules and the redirector host system is activated, then packaging the new data item into an electronic envelope and transmitting the electronic envelope to the user's mobile device.

The AirMobile reference describes a "polling" system in which e-mail messages are received at a cc:Mail Post Office server on a local area network. Another server on the LAN, the AirMobile Wireless for cc:Mail Server polls the cc:Mail Post Office on a periodic basis to determine whether any new messages have arrived for registered users. If there are new messages for a registered user, then the AirMobile Server gets the message and transmits it over a radio network to the user's laptop computer. Both the AirMobile Server and the user's laptop computer are equipped with radio modems for communicating wirelessly over the radio network. The user's laptop computer is also configured with a corresponding software program called the AirMobile Client, which permits the user to send and receive e-mail messages wirelessly via the AirMobile Server.


In the AirMobile system, the server component is configured and operated by a system administrator. User's do not access and operate the server directly. Instead, the users operate the AirMobile client software, which is custom designed to communicate with the AirMobile Server. Without this client software, the user's could not communicate with the AirMobile Server at all, nor would they be able to send and receive messages wirelessly. This system is different than the system set forth in amended claim 1, however, in which the redirector host system is accessible, and configurable, through a web page interface. Using this web page interface, a user can remotely configure and reconfigure the filtering rules and also activate and deactivate the redirector host system without the need to have any kind of special-purpose software, such as

the AirMobile Client application. Because the web page interface is a standard, open interface accessible through any computer terminal having a web browser, the user of the system defined by claim 1 can now perform remote configuration and activation using any terminal. This is advantageous for many reasons, such as when the user is outside the coverage area of the wireless network, or if the user's mobile device is malfunctioning, or if the mobile device is lost, or if the mobile device does not have the necessary resources to run a client application such as the AirMobile Client. This type of universal access and configuration sub-system for a network-based redirector host system is not disclosed in the AirMobile system, and thus distinguishes claim 1 from that reference.

The remaining pending claims are distinguishable from AirMobile for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

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